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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) "Algorithm Definition", <http://www.risc.unilinz.ac.at/people/blurock/ANALYSIS/manual/document/node30....>, accessed 01/20/2004.
- (2) Dauncey, E. A., et al., "Computerized Identification System for Medical Professions and the General Public, *Poisonous Plants and Fungi in Britain: Animal and Human Poisoning* (1998), pp. 277-281.
- (3) Dauncey, E. A., et al., "Plant Identification for Medical Professionals: A Computerized Solution", *Seminars in Dermatology*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (June), 1996, pp. 124-130.
- (4) Hansen, M., "Identification of Plants", *Seminars in Dermatology*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (June), 1996, pp. 122-123.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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